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This communication is responsive to the Office Action dated April 18, 2005, concerning the above-referenced patent application, making July 18, 2005, three months from the mailing date. Accordingly, this Preliminary Amendment is timely filed. Prior to examination of the present Continuing Application, Applicants respectfully request that the application be amended as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this document.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this document.

Please amend the application as follows: